

# THE SWORD OF THE LORD

and of John R. Rice

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## What Do You Know About The Movies?

Did you know that 77 million people attend the movies in America weekly?

Did you know that this is four times as many as attend all the Sunday Schools in America weekly, including Catholics, Protestants, Jews, Christian Scientists, Spiritualists, people of every ism, Christian and unchristian, believers and modernists?

Did you know that they stay on an average twice as long, making the influence eight times as powerful as the Sunday Schools in American life?

Do you know the inside 'dope' on the morals and marriages of movie stars?

Did you know what the League of Nations Committee of Child Welfare said after a careful analysis of 250 American films, finding ninety-seven murders, fifty-one cases of adultery, nineteen seductions, twenty-two abductions, and forty-five suicides?

Would you believe it that in these 250 films there were 176 thieves, twenty-five prostitutes, thirty-five drunkards?

Did you know what the Chicago Censorship Board found in 788 pictures — and that they had to eliminate 1,811 scenes of assault with guns with intent to kill, 175 scenes of assault with knives, 231 scenes of hanging, 757 scenes of nudity and semi-nudity, and twenty-one scenes of jail-breaking?

Did you know that in many foreign countries American films are prohibited because of their effect on the morals of the people?

Did you know that crime and sex with so-called "love," make up the themes of practically all movies and that literally hundreds of films have been analyzed in detail so that you can know just what percentage of films deal with crime, sex, etc?

Did you know that the Motion Picture Research Council, financed by the Payne Fund, had a four years investigation carried on by scientists, psychologists, sociologists and educators from the leading universities in America, of the content, teaching and results of the moving pictures, analyzing 1,500 different films, making many thousands of tests, interviewing thousands of delinquent girls and

criminal boys, checking and re-checking the effects of the movies on sleep, on education, on morals, on crime, on sex delinquency, at a cost of many thousands of dollars, and that this material is available to the public?

Did you know that there are literally hundreds of statements by girls guilty of sex delinquency, telling how they were led into sin and moral ruin by the movies and that their very words are given?

Did you know that literally hundreds of boys and men now behind the bars have written for careful investigators just how films taught them to be burglars, gangsters, hi-jackers and murderers — how they learned the details of crime and learned to admire criminals in the movies and then followed these suggestions and became criminals?

Do you know what Dr. R. A. Torrey said about moving pictures and their terrible effect upon young Christians?

Do you know what Archbishop George Mundelein, Catholic Cardinal, says in his orders to priests about the theatres?

Did you know that *The Reformed Church Messenger* tells how nine surveys by various representative

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## Pastor Home Sept. 11

Everybody urged to plan now for big homecoming service Sunday, September 11th, when Pastor John R. Rice will return with family from the Waterloo revival. Let us have a great crowd, with blessing and souls saved. Try to have new converts ready to join the church and unsaved people ready to hear the gospel.

## Will You Unite In Prayer?

From McComb, Mississippi, comes word that Rev. Robert Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson and daughter, Dorothy; Mrs. Barlow and others are uniting in definite prayer that God will give us the money to pay in full the printing bill on *The Sword of the Lord*. Besides \$450.00 borrowed and paid on the printing bill which will be due December 4th, we owe the printer nearly \$400.00. Today \$5.00 came from Mrs. J. H. Wilson of McComb, Mississippi, and today Mrs. Rice and I are sending \$50.00 given to us by loving friends. I have committed the matter to the Lord in faith and in claiming the promises.

In my prayers I have rested on Isaiah 45:11: "Concerning the work of my hands command ye me;" on Philippians 4:6, 7: "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus;" on Psalm 55:22: "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee . . ." and on I Peter 5:7: "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." These promises are true. The Mississippi group particularly claimed Matthew 21:22 and John 16:23. Surely we can ask in the Saviour's name that this burden be lifted soon to His glory. I believe it and ask you to earnestly join me in prayer, in supplication and thanksgiving. I will announce in *The Sword of the Lord* how the answer comes.

The readers know surely that none of us get any profit from *The*

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## 4,500 Letters and Cards From Radio Listeners In 4 Weeks

### 156 Public Conversions and Reclamations In Waterloo Revival With a Week to Go

This is Tuesday morning. Sunday night we had a blessed service with eleven coming forward to claim Christ in the service and one man saved after the service was closed. Last night there were six or seven who came forward, conversions, reclamations and additions. Thus far I am told there have been about 156 public professions. Most of these, a way over 100, I think, have been straight-out conversions, mostly adults. A good many more have been saved in the homes through visitation of church members and the four young men, students in Moody Bible Institute, who are spending the entire month here in this campaign, visiting from house to house.

We are to run through the rest of this week and Sunday in the revival, and we are earnestly praying for at least 100 conversions this last week. The crowds are great and the interest is wonderfully sustained.

The daily radio broadcast on the three stations, WMT, KRNT and KMA, of Waterloo, Shenandoah, and Des Moines, have had a really remarkable and blessed response. Brother Cedarholm offered free to his hearers a set of four of my booklets, "What Must I Do To Be Saved?" "Can A Saved Person Ever Be Lost?" "Be Ye Not Unequally Yoked Together With Unbelievers," and "Sunday or Sabbath, Which Should Christians Observe?" He bought 2,000 sets of the booklets, thinking that would be enough. However, he found it

necessary to order 2,500 more, making 4,500 sets of booklets or 18,000 separate booklets in answer to the many requests! It is possible we will have to have more printed yet. That response is greater than expected; I think the greatest that he has ever had. Only this morning a decision slip from the booklet, "What Must I Do To Be Saved?" has been returned from a dear woman living at Mitchell, So. Dakota, who has trusted Christ through the broadcast and the booklets sent her. Last night a woman told of her parents being saved through the daily radio services, and I trust there will be many more who will take the Saviour through these services.

### Again at Northwestern Bible Conference

On Monday of last week I took a day off and attended the Northwestern Bible Conference conducted by Dr. Riley and other outstanding speakers at Medicine Lake, near Minneapolis. Dr. Riley kindly gave me the entire hour Monday evening and I returned Tuesday to the Waterloo revival. However, a telegram soon came from Dr. Riley, asking me to return, if possible, for Saturday night. I agreed and so wired him. Then immediately came a special delivery letter from him, asking me to stay, if possible, over Sunday and preach Sunday night, giving the closing message of the Conference when it was expected there would be 2,500 or 3,000 people present. I returned to speak Saturday night and to my amazement found the big tabernacle on the Conference grounds packed and running over for the Saturday night service and with a good many seated outside, listening through the windows, who could not get in. Dr. Riley had loudspeakers installed so that all could hear, however, and God gave a marvelous service Saturday night. There was one conversion and several hundred offered themselves in new dedication to God to let self die and surrender altogether to His will even

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## "SALVATION THROUGH FAITH ALONE"

"AND AS MOSES LIFTED UP THE SERPENT IN THE WILDERNESS, EVEN SO MUST THE SON OF MAN BE LIFTED UP; THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE." — John 3:14, 15

BY REV. P. B. CHENAULT,  
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The third chapter of the Gospel of John is used perhaps more than any other single portion of Scripture in making plain God's plan for the redemption of mankind. Most of this chapter is occupied with the account of Nicodemus' interview with the Lord Jesus Christ, and the words of our text were spoken by the Saviour Himself — "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

In verse thirteen Christ had spoken of Himself as the Son of man who is in heaven, and now He speaks of Himself as the Son of man to be lifted up. Being a teacher in Israel, Nicodemus undoubtedly remembered that the prophet Daniel had spoken of the Messiah as the Son of man, for Daniel had seen Him in the night

vision coming to receive the kingdom. But Nicodemus, like many others of his day, overlooked the fact that the same prophet who beheld Him coming in glory also records the rejection of the Messiah. Therefore our Lord is here pointing out to Nicodemus that before the glory can come there must be suffering. The Son of man, who is to receive the throne of His father David, must first be lifted up.

You will notice that this is the second time the word "must" has appeared in this chapter. If man must be born again in order to see and to enter the kingdom of God, the Son of man must be lifted up that a way might be provided whereby man, who is dead in trespasses and sins, could obtain that new birth.

Nicodemus had asked the question, "How can these things be?" Our text gives the answer — the Son of man must be lifted up. Nor are we left in doubt as to what Christ meant when He said, "The Son of man must be lifted up," for when we turn to John 12:32, 33, we read, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die."

In order that Nicodemus might fully understand the meaning of the words, "the Son of man must be lifted up," Christ likens it to

the incident in the wilderness, recorded in the twenty-first chapter of Numbers, when Moses lifted up the brazen serpent. God had sent fiery serpents into the camp of Israel as a judgment for sin. The bite of these serpents was deadly. But when the Israelites cried, "We have sinned," God provided a remedy. He told Moses to make a serpent of brass and set it upon a pole, with the assuring promise that everyone suffering from the bite of the serpents might look upon it and live.

As we consider these two passages of Scripture, three facts stand out very clearly:

First — Man sees his need of a remedy for sin.

Second — God's provision for that remedy.

Third — The application of that remedy.

It was the sting of the serpent that brought the Israelite to a sense of his sin. "Therefore the people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee; pray unto the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us.'" And thus, if we are to be saved, the very first step is to see our need of a remedy for sin. Surely God has not left us in the dark at this point. The pages of the Bible are luminous with the fact that man has

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## Will You Sign?

It was the last night of a mission. Mr. Grey, the preacher, buttoned up his overcoat, and drew on his gloves, the clock pointing to 8:40.

"I have my work cut out if I'm to catch the 9:05 to Waterloo," he thought.

The caretaker was waiting to lock up the hall, as he passed through, but a girl stood hesitating in the lobby. She came a step or two forward.

"O! may I speak to you, please?" she began impulsively. "I am so unhappy."

For the fraction of a moment Mark Grey hesitated. The train following the 9:05 was 10:20. It was only for a fraction, however. The next moment he was leading the way back into the hall.

"What is the trouble?" he asked kindly.

The girl's lip quivered. "I've been to all the services, every one," she said. "Each evening I've said to myself, 'Tomorrow I shall be sure

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## "Ye Must Be Born Again"

By Evangelist Joe B. Rice

"Ye must be born again!" These were the startling words of the Saviour, and may they burn into your heart today. Many answers have been given to the question as to how we are to be saved, but the Saviour makes it plain that there is one way, and that way is the new birth.

Let us read, if you will, here in the third chapter of John.

"1. There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

"2. The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

"3. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

The answer given here is not one of church membership or of baptism or of a moral life. The answer given here is the new birth. Forms and ceremonies could never change the human heart. Only the power of God can do that, and He will if you will trust Him.

"4. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

"5. Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

"6. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Here you have the same statement repeated, the necessity of the new birth. We recall that David, the great man of God, once said, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." You and I were born no different from David, and our trouble is not in forms and ceremonies, but in the heart.

When I go home at night, three pairs of little feet will come to meet me, and three pairs of little arms will love my neck. God has blessed Mrs. Rice and I by giving us these three little ones, our children, our babies, to come into our home. It is a great joy to us. To us they are the finest children on earth. Actually they are no different from your children, but they are ours simply because they were born into our family. Their outward appearance or their actions do not make them my children, but they are mine because of their birth. And so about you, dear friend. Your actions or your manner of life could not make you a child of God. For we read in Ephesians 2:8, 9: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." And so then we see there is only one thing that can make you and I children of God, and that is a new birth, being born again. No wonder that the Saviour said, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." And there is the eighth verse that tells:

"The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit."

To be sure there are some things that we do know about the wind; there are some things about it that we have not yet been told. And so the Saviour said about the new birth, though all of the facts we may not know, yet, praise His name, we may have the new birth.

In John the first chapter, verse eleven reminds us of the rejection and of the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus, and verse twelve tells us: "But as many— anyone, the 'who-soever' of John 3:16— "But as

many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God."

Here, then, is the new birth that the Lord Jesus said we must have. It comes by accepting Him, or by receiving Him as Saviour. You and I did not select the homes that we were to be born into nor the time that we should be born. That was not in our hands. And so about the new birth. It is my part and yours to accept Jesus, to receive Him as our Saviour. The new birth and the change of heart, the forgiveness of sins, those are God's part when we accept Him as Saviour.

Now let us read verses nine, ten, eleven, twelve and thirteen:

"9. Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

"10. Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

"11. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

"12. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

"13. And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven."

Since we do not understand all of the things about us, we need not expect to understand all about the new birth. We are simply to take the word of the Lord Jesus, and that is the meaning of verse thirteen, as He tells us, "And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven." What I believe does not matter. What some other preacher believes does not matter. What you believe, dear friend, does not matter. The thing that counts is the word of the Lord Jesus and He said, "Ye must be born again!"

"14. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up;

"15. That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

Do you remember the story of Moses lifting up the serpent in the wilderness? This man Nicodemus was a Jew. Certainly he was familiar with the Jewish history. Turn, if you will, with me to Numbers the twenty-first chapter, and we will read the incident mentioned here.

"5. And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread.

"6. And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.

"7. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee; pray unto the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.

"8. And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole; and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

"9. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived."

God always has and does punish sin. It will be as true in my case and yours as it was in theirs. So here the Lord sent the fiery ser-

pents, or the snakes, among them; and we are told that much people died. No doubt when the very first one was bitten, they did all that science and medical skill knew to do for them. And yet in spite of all their efforts, much people died. It was only after their own efforts had failed that they came to Moses, the great man of God, and asked him to pray for them. We should be thankful that there is a God in heaven who answers prayer, even in times of distress.

The Lord commanded Moses to make the fiery serpent and to put it upon a pole. I think it was to be where everyone could see it, just as the Lord Jesus is in reach of every human heart. Anyone who was bitten might be healed, simply by looking at the snake on the pole. That seems a simple way indeed to have a snake-bite healed. They were not healed by medicine nor by anything that they could do, but simply by looking to the snake on the pole. Actually it was God, and God alone, who did the healing. And so about you and I, we are not saved by our own works, but after we ourselves have failed, we may believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, the one who was lifted up for us, and through believing on Him, we shall have eternal life. It was God who did the healing in the case spoken of in Numbers, and certainly it is He who does the saving. Does it seem incredible to you that we should be saved so easily simply by believing on Him, the One who died for us? Then let us read the next verse and I hope it will help us to understand.

"16. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

The mystery of mysteries to me is the love of God for sinners. I cannot understand how God could love us, poor sinners that we are, and undeserving of anything other than eternal punishment, enough to give His own dear Son to suffer and die in our place. Yesterday as I visited in a home, a mother sat by the bed of a four weeks old baby and there as she sat and talked with us, it would have been impossible for her to have concealed her love, pride and joy in this her firstborn. Her countenance shone with a mother's love, and every glance of her eye seemed to speak of it. I thought of a time back yonder not so many years ago when our firstborn came. I remember how that I rushed through my work and pulled my chair to the side of her bed and sat there as it seems now to me for long hours, and watched the tiny bundle of humanity as it nestled there by its mother. Only a father or a mother can understand how these little ones endear themselves to us, and how that it seems the very heart is wrapped up in these tiny mites.

Beloved, do you think God would love His own Son less than you and I would love ours? Certainly He would love Him even more. The mystery then is that God should love us enough to give His Son to die for us. And so then salvation comes as a free gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast. It is a simple thing to accept a gift that is bought with the love of another. And so if you and I are ever to have salvation, we must take it as a free gift of God. To you who have been saved by the blood of the Lamb, I say may God keep us true to the Saviour who loved us and gave Himself for us. May God help us to remember that we are not our own, that we are bought with a price. And you who are unsaved, I beg you

today do not spurn so great a love, but today trust the Saviour who suffered, bled and died for you.

I recall the words of the old song: I have Christ; I need no more, From His hand rich blessings pour; And I am singing o'er and o'er, I have Christ; I need no more.

And so you will find that in Him you may have everything that you need, the forgiveness of sins, the peace of heart, the new birth; all are to be had only in Him. Right now as you read this, won't you in your heart trust Him as your Saviour? I would be so happy to have word from you that today you are taking Him as your Saviour, depending upon Him for the change of heart and the new birth.

If you will accept Him as your Saviour, clip out the slip below and fill it out and send it to me. I would be so happy to hear from you and to know that you have accepted the Saviour.

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Evangelist Joe B. Rice  
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Dear Brother Rice:

Realizing that I am a sinner, and knowing that I cannot change my own heart nor atone for my own sins, I here and now accept Christ as my Saviour, depending upon Him to forgive my sins and to change my heart and to give me everlasting life as He has promised, and mail this gladly that you might know.

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Shall know no more these weary, toiling days,

I'll lead her feet in pleasant paths always,

And cheer her heart with words of sweetest praise—

When I have time.

When you have time, the friend you hold so dear

May be beyond the reach of all your sweet intent;

May never know that you so kindly meant

To fill her life with sweet content, When you had time.

Now is the time; Ah, friend, no longer wait

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to find peace, but I haven't, and now the mission is over. O! can't you tell me what to do? I don't mind what it is; I'll do it."

He looked at her sadly. "My dear young lady," he said, "at each of our services I have sought to show how God in His grace has given His only Son to die on Calvary's cross, who was a mighty sacrifice for sin, to put an end to doing on our part. The price was paid. We are the unworthy recipients of His bounty. Won't you accept the GIFT He offers? Think of His love for you!"

Tears gathered in her eyes. "I do love Him. I am sure I do," she said.

"Then accept Love's Gift."

She hesitated. "It seems—so—too simple."

As she still hesitated, he took out his pocketbook and tore off a leaf of memoranda, penciling some words upon it.

"Will you sign your name there?" he asked.

She took the paper and read it: "On the 20th of November I accepted the Lord Jesus as my own personal Saviour."

She handed it back and shook her head.

"I—I don't like to," she murmured.

In silence he tore off another sheet, and wrote again. This time only one word was altered, yet, O! the difference!

"On the 20th of November I rejected the Lord Jesus as my own personal Saviour."

"Sign it, please," he said.

She read it, and looked at him with terror-stricken eyes.

"O! but I—I daren't!" she breathed.

For a moment there was tense silence. He broke it at last.

"It must be one or the other," he said solemnly. "Either you go through that door an Acceptor or a Rejector of Christ; which is it to be?"

Still silence! The girl could almost hear the beating of her heart. Then quite suddenly light flashed, and a relieved smile broke over her face.

"I see! Give me back the first paper, please!" she cried.

Her hand was trembling, yet she managed to sign her name—Mary Morton, and with a little, happy cry she handed it back.

"Pray for me, please," she said.

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though it meant going to Africa, China, or entering the ministry or giving up the dearest things on earth. I could not stay to speak as urged Sunday and Sunday night, but drove back to Waterloo, arriving at 3:05 a. m. Sunday morning. Then I was on the radio at 7:30 a. m. and preached three times at the tent during the day to fine crowds.

The Northwestern Bible Conference has, it seems to me, the most remarkable setting and opportunity. From what I hear the equipment on Medicine Lake is the best of any Bible Conference ground in America. There were some 800 campers on the ground for this conference, besides thousands of people who drove in from Minneapolis, St. Paul, and all the country round about, to be in the services.

I thank God for the association and fellowship with Dr. Riley, Mrs. Riley, Dr. Robert L. Moyer, the Dean of Northwestern Bible Institute and Seminary; Dr. Dan Gilbert, and other dear friends. It was particularly sweet to be with Dr. W. B. Riley, that saintly Christian, that cultured gentleman, that bold warrior for Jesus Christ, that able defender of the faith, that scholarly teacher, that tender soul winner. His life and influence have meant strength and encouragement, inspiration and fragrance to countless thousands.

We thank God for this Waterloo revival. We are encouraged in the Lord. We have more boldness in prayer. We feel more need of the Holy Spirit's power and more confidence that God will give it. We thank God for the widespread hunger for revival. Dear reader, will you give yourself to the matter of soul winning and revival? We will give final report of this revival next week.

"He that gathereth in summer is a wise son; but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame." — Prov. 10:5.

They knelt together then, joined by the old caretaker, who still waited, and in simple words committed this new lamb to the Shepherd's care.

And so they parted. And that was how it came about that Mary Morton went through the door, an acceptor instead of a rejector.

Reader, are you an acceptor or a rejector? "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). — Selected.

## A PARABLE

A group of Methodist laymen in Chicago recently mailed the following "Parable for Preachers" to several thousand ministers of their denomination:

1. Now it came to pass in those days that a church called a certain man to be its minister; and the church agreed to pay two thousand shekels in silver, a house, and a leave of absence each year.

2. And, lo! the man was glad to accept the call.

3. Now the minister prided himself on being very much up to date; and after a while he said to himself, This church is behind the times and it needeth the Social Gospel.

4. So instead of preaching Christ and Him crucified, he preached Old Age Insurance, Unemployment Relief, the Abolition of the Profit Motive, and Reduction of Armaments.

5. Moreover, he seemed more interested in Socialism than in Salvation.

6. And the hearts of the people were heavy, for they longed for the Old-Fashioned Gospel.

7. And, behold; they sent a delegation to the minister and asked him to preach something they did not read about six days out of seven.

8. And the minister was angry and said, I believe in the *Freedom of the Pulpit*. I know what you need much better than you know yourselves. I shall continue to preach the Social Gospel. If you do not like it, depart unto Gehenna.

9. And the hearts of the people were sore, but they held their peace.

10. Now the minister had purchased a farm in a far country, where the owner had starved to death, but there was a very fair set of buildings on the farm.

11. For the minister had said within himself, It may come to pass when I am old and well stricken in years that no church will desire me, and I shall stand all the day idle in the market place, so I will buy this farm as a place of refuge against that day.

12. And, behold! he and his family did spend their summer vacations there.

13. Now the buildings on the farm sorely needed paint, and the minister agreed with a local painter for two shekels a day to paint the buildings white.

14. And when the bill came in the minister did send his check to pay it.

15. And in due time the minister visited his farm, and lo! instead of painting the buildings white, the painter had painted them red.

16. And the minister was very wroth and he sent for the painter and said unto him,

17. Thou wicked and deceitful painter! Did I not agree with thee to paint my buildings white, and, lo! thou hast painted them red.

18. And the painter answered and said, Go to now! It is true thou didst order me to paint thy buildings white, but I believe in the *Freedom of the Painter*. Red is a much better color than white. Moreover, it seemeth to be a popular color at this time.

19. And suddenly there shined about the minister a light from heaven, and he said, I do see my sin this day. Why should I rebuke this man for painting my buildings red when I commanded him to paint them white, when I am called to preach Christ and Him crucified and I preach the Social Gospel?

20. I will return to my people, and I will say to them, I know now what Jesus meant when He said, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God; for verily the only way unto a better world is through better men.

"A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city; and their contentions are like the bars of a castle." — Prov. 18:19.

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## Movies Break Down Virtue, Inflamm Lust, Definitely Cause Sex Delinquency

We have said that the movies have an influence so strong that it is one of the most powerful factors in American life. Seventy-seven million people spend two hours a week in the movie theaters. Twenty-eight million of these are adolescent young people, and eleven million of them are children under thirteen years of age! They see movies produced by actors and actresses immoral in life and character and by directors and film companies with no motive higher than greed. The themes of the movies are primarily "love," sex, and violence. Scenes of seduction, nudeness, rape, murder, robbery, revenge—all kinds of crime and sins—abound. The movies teach that the fast life, with drinking, night clubs, dancing, flirting, license, with fast spending of easily gotten money, is the happy life! They teach that marriage is not sacred, that hard work and thrift and self-denial are unnecessary, that one can usually "get by" with crime, that people do not reap what they sow. Gangsters and outlaws are usually admirable people, if we really knew them; harlots are attractive, well meaning girls that turn out happily, and there is really nothing wrong with loving another man's wife and taking her if she is willing, according to the movies! The general impression left by moving-picture films is that the way of the transgressor is not hard, that sins do not find you out, as the Bible says, that people are generally pretty good without being born again despite the plain words of Jesus, and that science is certainly to be believed before the Bible! In other words, the theater contradicts the Bible, the movies are positively unchristian in general teaching, and the results should be expected to be definitely harmful and immoral. The child who goes to the movies and to a Sunday School that is positively Scriptural in teaching and influence learns the exact opposite at the movies of what he is taught in Sunday School! And, alas, nearly four times as many people attended the movies in America as attend Sunday School, they stay twice as long, and the movies have a far more thrilling scientific medium of appealing to the imagination and interest than the Sunday School.

A wave of sex delinquency in America following the pattern so abundantly set in moving picture films was as inevitable as malaria when people live in swamps without protection from mosquitoes or as typhoid epidemic when people drink polluted water and live in houses infested by filth-breeding flies. The sex instinct, we are told, is the most powerful of all human instincts in its effect on conduct. It is more powerful than hunger, often more powerful than fear or even the instinct of self-preservation, and the movies deal so widely with sex matters that sex conduct is inevitably influenced. With movies about love, lust, lewdness, with suggestive lines, with courtship themes, with love-triangle stories, with jealousy, kisses, embraces, bedroom scenes, people are powerfully moved and influenced in sex matters. And since the movies are wrong in their treatment of these matters, lewd, immoral, and dealing constantly with filth, sex delinquency is caused by the movies just as crime is caused by the movies.

So many girls have seen movie stars with little or no clothes on that nudity is not shocking. So with a scanty halter or brassiere and shorts, they parade on tennis courts, beach, or even down-town and eagerly seek for a night club job where they can take off all their clothes in public!

So many American girls have seen Mae West glorified as a harlot that naturally many of them come to say to boy friends, "Come up and see me sometime," and mean the wicked thing that Mae West was paid a fortune for picturing.

So many American girls have seen Dorothy Lamour or some other colorful actress on a South

"ALL ECCLESIASTICISM ORIGINATED AFTER THE APOSTOLIC ERA AND IS IN VIOLATION OF APOSTOLIC TEACHING AND PRACTICE"

By Editor P. I. Lipsey, in the Mississippi Baptist Record

Does anybody believe that there was organic union among the churches established by the apostles and described in the New Testament? If they had any outward bond between them, if there was any semblance of organization among them; if they were ever regarded as units in a composite whole, there is not the slightest suggestion of it in the New Testament. There was never any effort made to get representatives of all of them together for any concerted action. They were never invited or urged to form themselves into any sort of corporation. Not only did they not have annual meetings of representatives, they never had one in all the history of the apostolic churches. There was no such organization, nor any officer which indicated that the churches had any connection with one another. They were not bound together by any outward tie. Any such organization or suggestion of the need or desire or propriety of one never occurred to the apostles. All ecclesiasticism originated after the apostolic era and is in violation of apostolic teaching and practice. Ecclesiastical union or what is now called Catholicity or ecumenicity, is utterly alien to apostolic principles and practice. They didn't even have associations or conventions. These are temporary expedients, purely voluntary, which may be entered or not at the will of any church, and may be dissolved or discontinued at will without affecting the church.

The sooner the world is cleared of "churches" which do not believe the Bible to be the Word of God, the better off the world will be. The sooner the churches clean house and get rid of preachers who do not believe the Bible to be the infallible Word of God, the sooner they will have the favor of God upon them.

Dear Bro. Rice:

My copy of *The Sword of the Lord* for July 1st has been lost or failed to reach me. I had just as soon eat bread without salt as to do without my weekly *Sword*. Please send copy.

S. McC—  
Decatur, Texas.

Sea Island in lover's trysts, with no clothes but a sarong and a halter and flowers in her hair, that thousands of American girls surrender to every male advance in a secret rendezvous whether it be a road house, tourist camp, parked automobile, or woodland. When the whole American youth, boys as well as girls, millions of them every week, are fed the poison pictures that show wealth, leisure, travel, fame, and beauty in the midst of impure love, indecent carresses, and open immorality, and all of it with a happy ending, then small wonder that sex delinquency has increased by leaps and bounds as a result of the movies!

We can repeal some laws but we can never repeal the law of God that says, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." If you sow to the flesh, you will of the flesh reap corruption. That law is as certain as gravitation, as certain as cause and effect, as certain as the law that night follows day. Out broken sin follows sinful sowing. In the movies we have sowed to the wind; we are reaping the whirlwind. The results are as definite among young women as among young men and as evil among young men as among young women.

(From Chapter VIII of *What Is Wrong With The Movies?* by John R. Rice. This book, 117 pages, ten chapters of startling information about the movies, may be had for 35c a copy, plus 3c postage from The Sword Book Room, 201 E. Tenth Street, Dallas, Texas. However, we will give the book absolutely free with two one-year subscriptions to *The Sword of the Lord* at 50c each, or one two-year subscription for \$1.00, new or renewal. Subscribe today for yourself and friends and get the book free!)

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## Salvation Through Faith Alone

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sinned. Listen to the words of the Lord in Isaiah 53:6: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way;" and again in Psalms 51:5 we read, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." Consider Rom. 3:10: "There is none righteous, no, not one," and again in verse 22:23: "For there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." And God further declares in Ezekiel 18:20, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Just as the Israelite who had been bitten by one of the fiery serpents must die, unless a remedy were provided, so we must die in our sins unless a remedy is provided for us.

But, praise His holy name, we see not only our need of a remedy for sin; we see God meeting that need by making provision of a remedy for sin. Man's need has always been the occasion for the display of God's grace and mercy. The moment Israel was willing to say, "We have sinned," there was no further hindrance. For then God could act.—"And the Lord said unto Moses, make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole; and it shall come to pass, that everyone that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live." That which God

commanded Moses to put upon the pole was the very image of that which was causing death among Israel, and that image became the channel through which divine grace could flow down, in rich, life-giving abundance, to the poor, wounded Israelites. And thus we see Jesus Christ, who knew no sin, becoming sin for us as He dies in our place on Calvary's cross. Jesus Christ is the marvelous, unspeakable gift of God's love to a lost and dying world. But to become this gift, our Saviour had to be lifted up upon the cross in atonement for sin. "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."

The whole human family has felt the serpent's deadly sting; but, thank God, He, the God of all grace, has found a remedy in the One who was lifted up on the accursed tree, and now every person who realizes himself a sinner can look to Him and live. Christ lifted up, Christ crucified, is God's remedy for sin.

But we must not stop until we have considered the application of this remedy. When one is taken with a dreaded disease, how eager he is to have the physician make a diagnosis and give a prescription, and how carefully he seeks to follow each instruction in applying the remedy. Sin is the worst disease known to mankind, a killing disease, and God, who is the Great Physician, has provided a sure remedy. Then how carefully we should seek to follow His directions in every detail in applying the remedy.

Notice that faith is the means by which the sinner lays hold of the salvation provided by God through Christ. The Israelite who had been bitten by the deadly serpent had simply to look and live. He was not to look to himself, to his disease, not to others round about him, but he was to look to God's remedy—the brazen serpent lifted up. If he failed to follow this command—if he dared look to anything else he must die. There was no possible hope in looking anywhere else, for the instruction was, "Everyone that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live." To follow God's prescription and to look at that which God has provided as a remedy meant life.

God's instructions never change. Today He says to the sinner, "Look to Christ Jesus." There are those who would tell the sinner to look to his better self, or to look for a higher environment, to look to the church or to the ordinances of the church. But such a look will never heal the disease caused by the sting of sin. God's directions are to look to Jesus Christ on the cross. The very moment a sinner looks to Christ in faith believing, his sins vanish and he becomes a new creation in Christ. And the healing is instantaneous, even as the death-stricken Israelite was not cured by a natural process of improvement or by a gradual restoration, but by a sudden supernatural manifestation of divine grace.

We would not do justice to this text without calling attention to the necessity of the individual application of the remedy. Each Israelite had to look to the serpent for himself if he were to be healed. No one could look for another. The anxious father could not look for his children, the loving mother could not look for her family, the wife could not look for her husband, nor the husband for the wife. No one could be helped in the slightest degree by proxy. There was life in a look, but that look must be made individually—there must be a direct contact with God's remedy. And again we notice that God's method in this respect has not changed. Thus it was then and thus it is now. We must settle the question of sin and what we shall do with the remedy God has provided for ourselves. No one can do it for another. None can look to a minister for salvation, nor to a priest, a church, or anything short of looking to the Lord Jesus Christ. "It came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived," and "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up that whosoever believeth in him

should not perish, but have eternal life."

Do you ask what it means to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ? Do you ask what faith in Him means? I believe I can best make that clear by an illustration often used by our beloved Dr. James M. Gray, who is now with the Lord. He said, "You are crossing the ocean, and as you retire at night you observe a life-preserver fastened over your berth. That is knowledge, but it is not faith. Then before you turn out the light, you read a notice that if the life preserver is placed around your body in a certain way it will keep you afloat in water. You yield assent to that, but that is not faith. Finally, in the middle of the night, a fog settles down upon the ocean, a collision occurs, a hole is driven into the side of the vessel and she begins to fill and sink. You jump from your berth, fasten the life-preserver around your body as directed, ascend to the deck and take your place in the life boat or jump into the water. That is faith."

My dear unsaved friend, you know you have been bitten by the deadly serpent, SIN, but that is not faith. You know that God so loved YOU that He gave His only begotten Son as the remedy for

your sin, but that is not faith. Now take the third step and say, "O God, I am the sinner that Jesus Christ came to save; I do now look to Him and receive Him as my personal Saviour, and by Thy grace, I will follow Him as my Lord from this time forward." That is what God means when He says, "Whosoever BELIEVETH in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

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